

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28, 30-32, 34, 35, 37-39, 41, 42, and 44-46 are pending in this application. By this Amendment no claims are amended and claims 1, 4-5, 8 and 11 have been cancelled. No new matter is added. Claims 15-18 are the independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has deemed claims 15-18, 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28, 30-32, 34, 35, 37-39, 41, 42, and 44-46, as containing allowable subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1, 4-5, 8, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming an invention directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1, 4-5, 8, and 11 have been cancelled. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection to the above claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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